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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claim 79:

79. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of processing the responses from the third party search engines is performed in parallel.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 and claims 46-57.

Claims 1-6, 16-20, 46-50, and 51-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being

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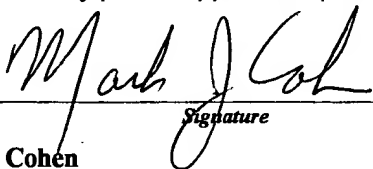
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